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1. The reply filed on 7/9/02, paper number 8, is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): applicants have elected group I (claims 1-37) with traverse, and elected 'enzyme' as target and 'small organic molecule' as ligand. However, the election does not include one specific target (the specification discloses the use of specific enzymes such as elastase, anhydrase). Since the elected inventions require the knowledge of specific ligand and target, applicants are requested to elect a single species of compounds for the ligand. Thus, the response is not proper. See 37 CAR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer,

within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CAR 1.136(a).

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